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Welcome

Now as we step into April we welcome new life and the promise of good things to come. For me, it's a time to look forward to my new role as I take the Editor's seat at *Utopia*. I now realise that my childhood obsession with cutting and sticking images from home magazines into scrapbooks was a start of bigger things to come!



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MY FAVOURITE
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My own personal taste is quite eclectic, so this April issue is perhaps a perfect issue for me to champion. I'm already trying to envisage elements of the Christopher Peacock kitchen, with its mixed cabinetry and surfaces, within my own galley kitchen (**Cover story, page 17**). And if you love to mix it up too, you'll get lots of inspiration to create your own unique kitchen and bathroom (**Mix and match, page 58**).

If you're looking for a little romance or for some 'me time', take note of our top pick of roll top baths (**Focus on, page 51**), see how to create an elegant and feminine bathroom (**Parisian chic, page 80**), or why not just hit the shops (**Retail therapy, page 19**). I'm feeling relaxed already. Enjoy!

Camilla

Editor Camilla Sharman

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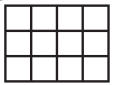
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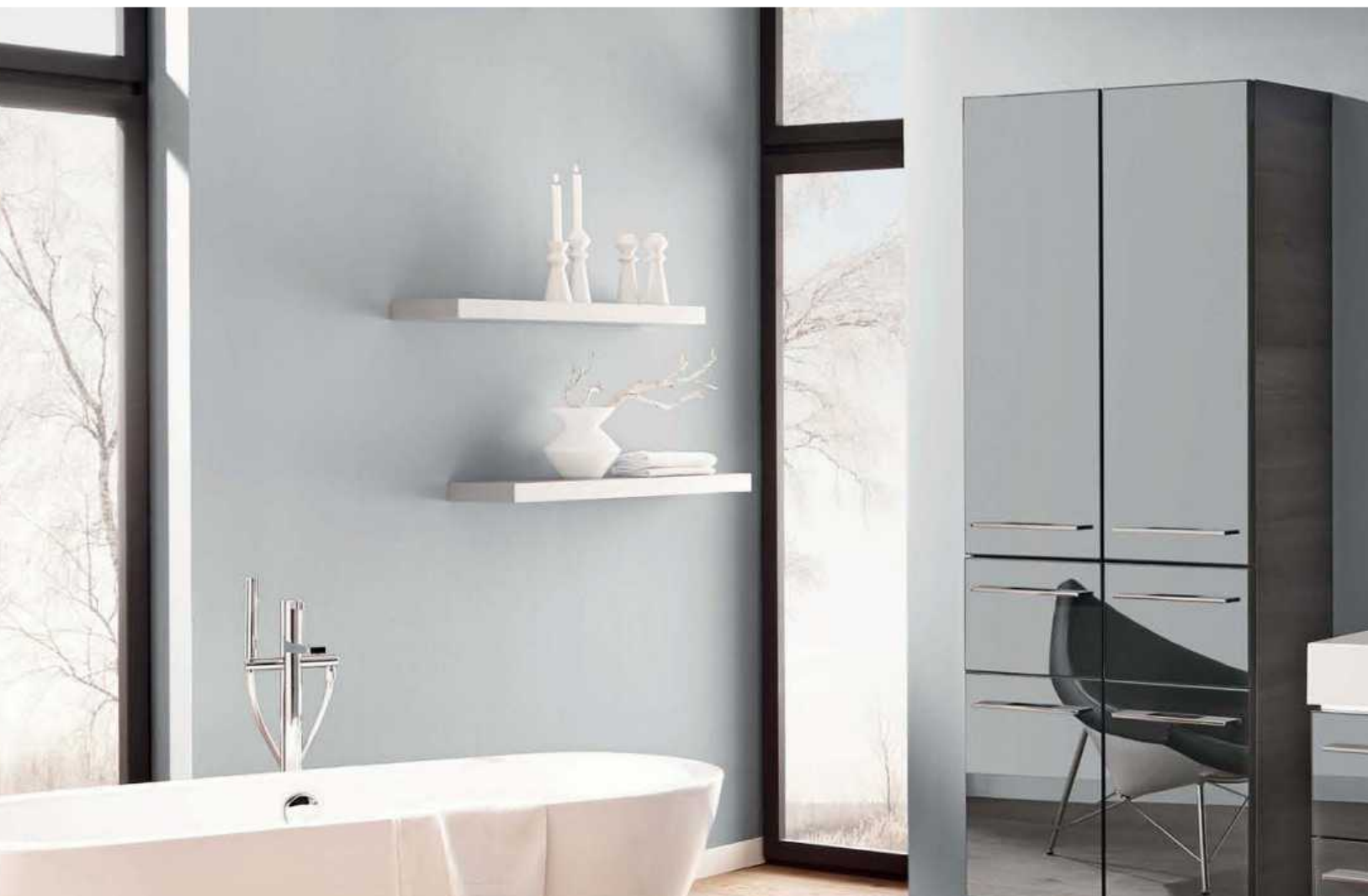
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Take inspiration from this kitchen designed for a professional chef, with its well-planned functional space that looks beautiful too



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Whether you're a keen cook, or not, when planning a kitchen it's worth considering what the experts choose. This mixed material kitchen has the best of everything in terms of cabinetry, appliances and materials.

While the practicalities and ergonomics of this refectory-style kitchen, by Christopher Peacock, are key to the design, the aesthetics have not been forgotten. Scullery White painted cabinetry is set against English quarter-sawn oak for a striking contrast, while

the central island is topped with honed Absolute Black granite contrasting with Calacatta marble on the preparation trolley.

A change of texture is added with the sleek stainless steel appliances from Wolf, including a dual fuel range that provides plenty of space for both cooking and baking, with the added option of a single wall oven and convection steam oven. While a Sub-Zero integrated fridge freezer is hidden behind the dark cabinetry. subzero-wolf.com

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Anthracite 3N1 98°C steaming hot water tap from InSinkErator, which produces around 100 cups of hot water per hour – doing away with the need for a kettle! Other finishes also available. £900. insinkerator.co.uk



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Mix it up

Forma Mentis is a new modular kitchen designed by Valcucine. Characterised by a slanting worktop and cabinetry doors with metal edges, the kitchen combines different materials, including glass and laminate, to create a cohesive yet textured look. Its worktops can be configured in various depths and with recess channels in different colours, allowing for unique and customisable combinations. Various materials, finishes and colours available. Price on request. valcucine.com



Silky smooth

Leicht's ultra smooth 'Bondi' finish is ideal for large islands or long runs of cabinetry. Shown here in Carbon grey, the velvety finish is a melamine coating, which is resistant to fingerprints. Kitchen from £15,000. leicht.com

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Modern mixture

The Bijou kitchen from Aran Cucine combines three types of cabinetry: glass, laminate and a high-tech surface material that is resistant to heat and scratches. The kitchen is available in a variety of colours and finishes, including glossy white. Price on request. arancucine.it

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The mixer, filtered water tap and soap dispenser are available with a matt or polished finish offering two distinct looks.

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Modern masculinity

The Spin Duo and Spin Trio kitchen mixer sets from MGS Taps come in Black Steel, and are the only black collection for the kitchen that are designed and made from stainless steel. Spin Duo includes a high-profile single-lever mixer with pull-out spray, and a soap dispenser with an extra-long spout. The Spin Trio also includes a filtered water tap. The kitchen set is made of naturally bacteria-resistant stainless steel and is coated using PVD technology – ensuring the finish is highly resilient to wear and tear. Spin Trio, £2,140. mgstaps.com



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Classic charm

The Medoc one-hole kitchen mixer from Waterworks exudes traditional style. The two-levered tap is shown here with an unlacquered brass finish with white porcelain handles. Its high-profile makes it perfect for filling pots. Also available in a shiny copper or metallic matt nickel finish, both with matching handles. From £1,025. uk.waterworks.com



Lighter living

The Bell ceiling-hung lamp from Scandi Living is enchantingly minimal. The Sand cream aluminium light is available in four sizes. £310. scandiliving.com



Kinetic kitchen

A sliding 80mm-thick oak breakfast bar complements the white 40mm-thick laminate worktop, with a steel edge, in this Neil Lerner kitchen. Worktop from £500 linear per metre. Kitchen from £30,000. neillerner.com



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Off the shelf

The Foodshelf kitchen, designed by Ora-Itto for Scavolini, boasts clean lines. Shown here with an attractive mix of Seagull grey, Pure white and Air Force blue cabinetry. Other melamine and lacquered finishes available. Price on request. scavolini.com



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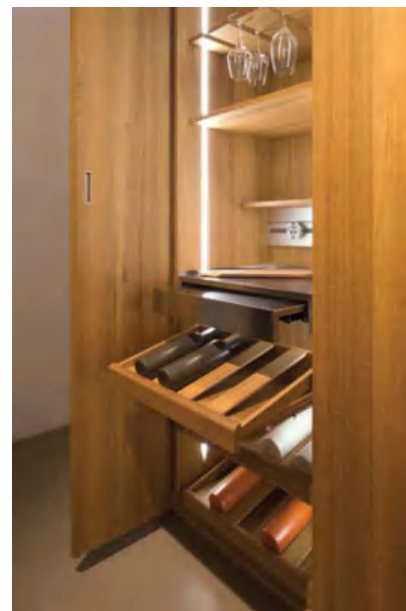


The tall units are both practical and decorative, supporting the integrated oven and concealing the fridge freezer. The far cupboard hides a wine bar with handy pull-out storage.

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Sleek teak

The Basik kitchen from KeyCucine has a refined minimalist style. It features a monolithic island made of solid teak and highly durable stainless steel with a satin finish. The island countertop is also divided between the two materials, with a steel section incorporating a large sink fitted with a pull-out cutting board and accessories, next to the hob, and a teak section providing a large work surface. Price on request. keysbabo.com





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Statement style

Grid is an eye-catching wall-mounted extractor hood from Elica. The sloping design boasts a perforated stainless steel centre framed by glass. £1,200. elica.co.uk

Ravishing range

This Rangemaster Leckford 1,100mm-wide dual fuel range cooker in Cranberry purple with chrome finish detail is available exclusively from John Lewis. Also available in Black, stainless steel and Ivory cream. £2,000. johnlewis.com



Classic cooking

Caple has launched a range of six Classic ovens, including the C2233BK single electric oven (left), which has a distinctive, sleek black glass finish, and the C2230 single electric oven (right), which is in stainless steel and black glass. Ovens from £315. caple.co.uk



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Hot pick

The Everhot 100i range cooker is now available in eye-catching Aubergine purple. Other colours available including Sage green, Burgundy red and Cream.

The model features a classic cast iron hotplate while also providing a two-zone induction hob. £7,225. everhot.co.uk

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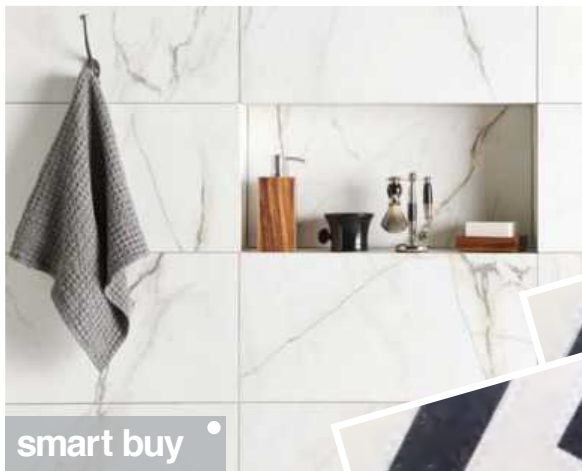
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Mono mix

These impactful zigzag tiles, part of the Monochrome Concept collection from Artisans of Devizes, combine Sloane limestone and Tora Blue limestone. From £85 per square metre. artisansofdevizes.com



Modern tradition

The Miseria E Nobilita Peppinello porcelain floor or wall tile from Reed Harris has a captivating pattern and a tactile matt finish. £100 per square metre. reedharris.co.uk



Shape up

Varying tones of the Hexagon wall or floor tile from The Baked Tile Company have been used together to create a captivating honeycomb design. £120 per square metre. bakedtiles.co.uk

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Au naturel

This basin and bath, designed by Jonas Lindvall, have been made of Vals Quartzite, a stone extracted from the village of Vals in the Swiss Alps. The material's fine veined appearance makes it an aesthetically appealing choice for floors, walls or even your basin or bath. Vals Quartzite available from Truffer AG. Price on request. truffer.ch



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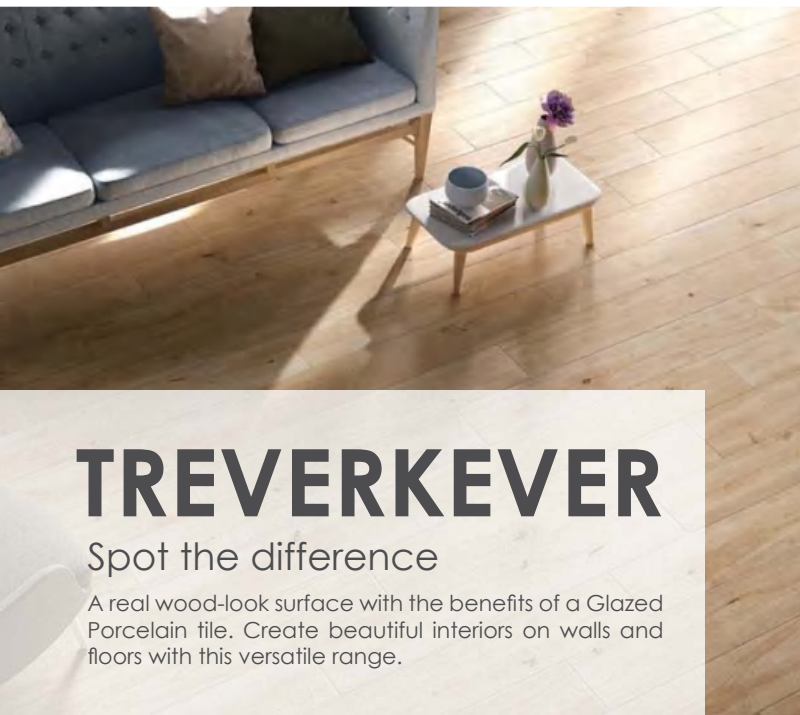
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Stylish storage

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Glamorous glass

The Art Glass 'Japan' walk-in shower screen from Alternative Bathrooms features decorative geometric detailing that has been acid-etched on to safety glass, creating a strong visual impact that won't wear with time. £3,500. alternativebathrooms.com



Svelte statement

The 'Ran' wall-mounted basin mixer from Treemme Rubinetterie combines a super slim body with a separate slender lever. Price on request. rubinetterie3m.it



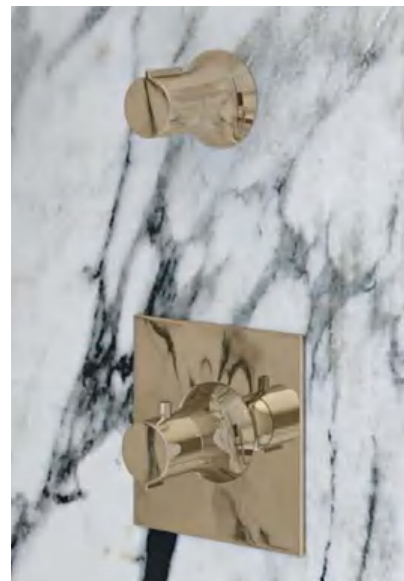
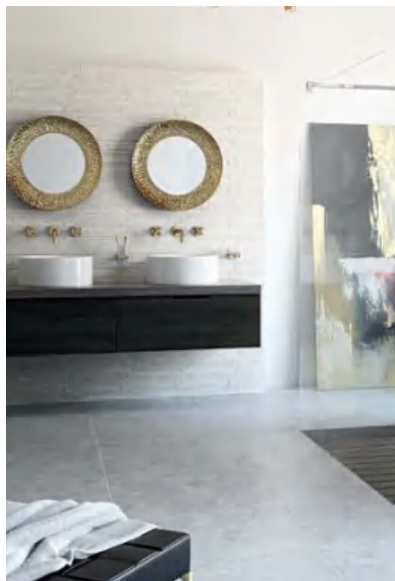
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The Altitude range basin mixers and shower set are now available finished in Vado's new Individual range of finishes, shown here in polished gold.



Go for gold

These polished gold products give this bathroom a chic, sophisticated aesthetic. The Individual collection from Vado offers a new glossy metallic finish for products from the company's existing collections, including the Altitude and Elements ranges (as shown). The four new lustrous finishes include brushed gold, brushed nickel, bright nickel and polished gold (as shown). Price on request. vado-uk.com



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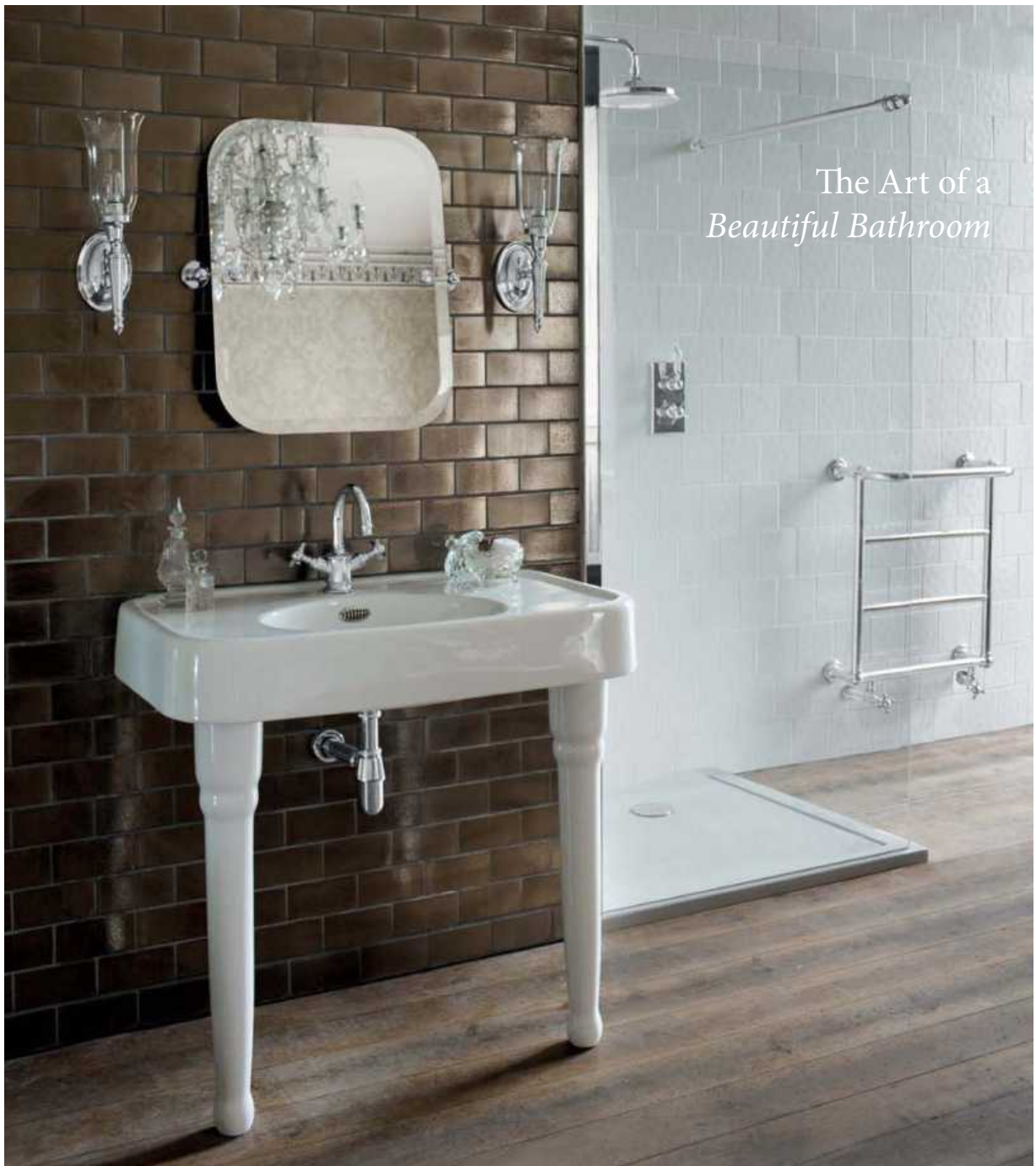
Burst of colour

The Rockwell range from The Water Monopoly gives classic designs a modern twist. The interchangeable collection features crosshead tap handles, bath feet, showerheads and hand-shower handles in seven different fifties-inspired hues: black, grey, white, blue, green, lilac and orange. Price on request. thewatermonopoly.com



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Art Deco design

The Double Thames basin vanity unit from Drummonds can be topped with glamorous Arabescato marble, which has a light off-white hue with grey veins cascading through it. £6,300. drummonds-uk.com



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Captivating curves

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ceramicaglobo.com



Classic comfort

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The freestanding Dagami washbasin from MBrace Interiors boasts an attractive swan neck in rich tapestry coloured walnut. £3,335. mbraceinteriors.co.uk

Refined masculinity

The two-drawer wall-mounted Pier 1000 unit, from Bauhaus Bathrooms' Pier range, has a wood-effect veneer finish available in Anthracite black, Ebony brown and Steel grey (as shown). Also available in small or large. £1,050. bauhaus-bathrooms.co.uk



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- (1) Baby Oban acrylic bath from Heritage Bathrooms with chrome finish ball and claw feet. £825. heritagebathrooms.com (2) Richmond double-ended bath from Victoria + Albert with art deco style feet. £1,635. vandabaths.com (3) Cuprosa Rotundus round hand-crafted copper bath from William Holland with nickel interior. £7,675. williamholland.com (4) Clothilde French double-ended Shiny Copper bath from Waterworks with tin interior. £36,960. uk.waterworks.com (5) Tubby Tub short bath from The Albion Bath Company, which can be painted in your choice of Dulux colour. £1,565. albionbathco.com (6) Babylon polished nickel bath from Fired Earth with polished nickel interior. £6,375. firedearth.com

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WATER WAYS

This striking wooden basin is in the form of a 3D topographic map in which water flows through the ducts like river channels, but without overflowing. Although not obvious from first viewing, the basin follows the pattern of streets in central London. The inspirational basin is designed by Julia Kononenko, a talented Ukrainian designer. The concept is so unusual that Julia is still seeking a manufacturer to take the design forward. kononenkoid.com

Mix and match

Avoid the bland and go bold in your kitchen. Mix materials, textures and colours to create a room that is uniquely your style.

Clean lines and sleek surfaces ensure that the combination of materials is not overwhelming in this family kitchen



This family kitchen has been designed to convey not only warmth but also sleek aesthetics. Matt block colours, timber and patterned surfaces combine to create a stunning kitchen. Both texture and pattern are added to the walls with oversized tiles, in a grey Patch finish from Academy Tiles, while a plain tile in Grey Metal, of the same size, has been used on the floor, bringing consistency to the design elements. Price on request. minosadesign.com

The solid timber bench visually slots into the white cabinetry giving a seamless look, while the grain unites with the dark timber veneer finish on the tall units. A gentle pairing is made with the subtle marble effect on the Calacatta stone island topped with a Corian gloss surface in Glacier White.

Whether your taste is simple, eclectic, modern or traditional, why not do something different and shake things up?

There's plenty to play with – cabinets, worktops, flooring and wall tiles, appliances, sinks and taps – go get creative!

Consider how you use your kitchen. If you're a keen chef and the ergonomics are a priority think about using mixed materials to divide your work areas into zones. Or if you're keen to create a statement contemplate using a single material to make one element stand out. How about a concrete worktop, a brightly-coloured range cooker or a textured splashback?

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Be brave and pull together materials that are poles apart. There are no rules. Contrast rustic, textured wood cabinetry with a sleek, sparkling, composite worktop. And add extra definition by emphasising the soft curves of warm materials with the sharp lines of cool surfaces.

Even if you favour a simple contemporary look, you can still achieve an individual sleek and seamless kitchen by injecting multiple colours into your design. Add a subtle shift in pace with a soft tonal change in the cabinetry, or for a more dramatic contrast, go for a bright freestanding fridge or an enamelled cast iron range.

Whatever your style – get in the mix!


Think...

Tactile texture, pattern and print, traditional versus industrial, natural and synthetic, accents and statement elements, matt and gloss surfaces, perfect combinations, wood, glass, metal, stone, granite, concrete, make it your own...

This kitchen and living space blurs the lines between kitchen and furniture design to integrate seamlessly into the open-plan home. Apart from making a striking statement the angled island has been designed with ergonomics in mind, allowing for functionality. The white Corian chopping block contrasts with the grey concrete and is positioned between the sink and hob for ease of movement between tasks. Price on request. hollowayskitchens.com

The angular island houses the hob and sink and is topped with a lightweight concrete worktop. The industrial material is softened with the oiled stave oak cabinetry, which has exposed ply edges.

Concrete flows through from the worktop to the large format floor tiles, where a similar colourway to the oak cabinetry is used.



Liven up a neutral palette with splashes of deep, vibrant colour. Here, Farrow & Ball Hague Blue is teamed with Strong White.

EDITOR'S tip...

It's easy to mix it up without it looking like a mix-up. Make changes to the smaller details such as the cabinetry handles. Try a combination of contemporary bar handles in brushed nickel with traditional bronze finish cup handles.



Industrial elements such as reclaimed wood lanterns suspended above the island, with a reclaimed timber worktop, look striking in this traditional shaker-style Bovingdon kitchen by Cue & Co of London. Kitchen from £35,000. cueandco.com

Reclaimed Victorian floorboards have been laid in a herringbone pattern to form the island worktop, complemented with a cantilevered glass breakfast bar and a white-grey Carrara marble worktop.



The sleek grey Silestone worktop has a suede finish and contrasts with the oak end grain butcher's block from Spekva, while light reflecting Venezia Carrara marble is used on the sink run.

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EDITOR'S *tip...*

A combination of clear and wired glass, wooden panels and open shelving will add interest to any kitchen, and will allow you to hide items away or keep them in view for all to see.

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A bespoke kitchen can be planned to your individual requirements and incorporate different materials to suit your taste. This Day True kitchen shows how industrial and contemporary elements can be used together to create a unique scheme. The glass fronted wall units are painted in The Little Greene Paint Company Cool Arbar, while the base units are in Dark Lead, a deeper hue. The juxtaposition of different materials creates a coherent design. The wood in the butcher's block works with the open shelving on the island unit, while the glass panels in the wall units link with the decorative pendant lights. Kitchen from £40,000. daytrue.com

“To achieve balance and harmony in a mixed materials kitchen and living space, there needs to be a repetition of style elements that subtly complement each other – this could be in the colours and finishes or the styles of cabinetry.”

Bernard Otulakowski, managing director, SieMatic UK

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Designing a kitchen with a variety of materials allows you to create a unique space that is as individual as you are. The contemporary Urban Collection from SieMatic is a perfect choice if you're looking for a modern kitchen with detailed features that add to the mix. Handleless cabinetry is finished in a matt Graphite Grey, complemented with a silver moon textured StoneDesign worktop, with open-top drawers in light Sand Oak. Kitchen from £30,000. **siematic.co.uk**



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English oak, natural stone and gleaming metals add warmth to this bespoke working kitchen from Artichoke.

This kitchen is ideal for a connoisseur of fine food. The solid copper range takes centre stage and contrasts with the painted oak cabinetry and natural stone worktop.

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If you're looking for French culinary inspiration look no further than La Cornue's, The Château 150 with matching extractor canopy. The range cooker immediately sets the tone in a kitchen and is used by both professional and amateur chefs throughout the world. Available in solid copper, with polished copper trim. Price from £24,750. larcornue.com



This Shaker kitchen from John Lewis of Hungerford has a traditional edge with contemporary elements. The freestanding work table adds flexibility to the design and is painted in Easy White to match the wall cabinetry, contrasting with the warmth of the Walnut finish on the floor units. Price from £25,000. john-lewis.co.uk

With three styles of cabinet handles, this kitchen has been mixed and matched right down to the details.

The work table has a mirror polished steel edge with a composite worktop in the centre, which contrasts with the Blue Flash finish of the granite worktop and upstand.

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THE owners

This holiday home is situated in the Danish Riviera, a popular tourist spot north of Copenhagen, Denmark. Architect and designer Emil Thorup, designed the idyllic abode to use as a tranquil retreat for himself and his family.



TREE OF A KIND

A sophisticated combination of light and dark woods makes this stylish, minimalist holiday home a triumph in timber



Large 9m-wide sliding doors from Schüco help the interior flow into the exterior, connecting the serene retreat with nature. In order to make the most of the scenic views of the surrounding forest, 20 trucks of soil were delivered to raise the property by 800mm.



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fter developing minimalist furniture brand, Handværk, designer and architect, Emil Thorup, set himself the challenge of creating a stylish second home that stays true to his clean and simple design ethos.

Who did you work with on this project?

Emil: “I was the architect of the project – I worked with the pre-fabricated house giant, Kalmar Huse, who’ve successfully built 12,000 pre-fab houses, so I was in good hands.”

Tell us about the project

Emil: “It started as a small project. I wanted to build a summer residence for my mother – a small house in close proximity to the coast and yet no more than 45 minutes to Copenhagen. Once I found the plot, it started escalating. The area is in one of the most prestigious beach towns



The property’s owner and designer, Emil Thorup, is also the owner of Danish furniture brand Handværk, which is renowned for its minimalist designs. A similar stripped-back style can be seen throughout the home’s interior design.

Everything has been carefully considered to complement the minimal scheme. To avoid visible heaters, underfloor heating has been added beneath Dinesen timber plank flooring.



“I decorate with a
‘less is more’ theory”

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in the country, Tisvilde. It's very walkable – tranquil, yet close enough to the city to stay during the week and commute to Copenhagen.”

Why did you choose this style?

Emil: “I decorate with a ‘less is more’ theory. Everything has to have function. Like with my furniture brand, Handværk, the function dictates the form.”

Tell us about the lighting

Emil: “Lighting is not my specialty, so I hired a lighting architect as a consultant. Everything has come out quite perfect, albeit with a little help.”

Were there any challenges?

Emil: “The worst was having to build in the winter – but I wanted it done before the summer. Also the concrete beneath the wood flooring took weeks longer to dry than anticipated.”

Dinesen ‘Tree of a kind’ collection raw wood flooring has been used throughout the property. The timber planks, which come from the outer layer of douglas tree trunks, boast a naturally light tone and stunning graining. The ‘Classic’ style chosen has fewer knots, complementing the interior’s clean scheme.



Is there a room or area you are most fond of?

Emil: “I’m honestly really happy about the entire house – but the living room integration of the outdoor space is makes me particularly proud. I really think the kitchen is successful with the black, white, stone, Dinesen floor and Lampe Gras lights.”

Are you pleased with the result?

Emil: “Yes. This is a second home to me, so I’m usually only here to relax and spend time with friends and family. But whereas other people are bound to weekends and public holidays, my work allows me to come here out of season – so I can find myself here on a normal Monday where everybody else is at work. That’s what I love the most about this place.”

The master bedroom is completely solitary with its own ensuite and private outdoor space. The bedroom features the same light Dinesen plank flooring as the other communal areas, ensuring the home has one continuous style.

THE details

Kalmar-huse property designed by Emil Thorup, architect, designer and owner of furniture brand Handværk kalmar-huse.dk handvark.com

Kitchen

Kvik Tinta kitchen, complete with integrated Siemens appliances, Vola mixer and Lampe Gras ceiling-mounted lighting kvik.com/en

Bathroom

Bathroom design by Emil Thorup, including Vola bathroom fittings, complemented by a wall-mounted Copenhagen Bath washbasin and large Omola coloured ceramic tiles vola.com

Surfaces

Dinesen BaseDouglas (Classic) 28mm-thick flooring planks finished in lye and white soap dinesen.com



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Parisian chic

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Thinking of restyling your bathroom? Ever wondered how to create that special *je ne sais quoi* that Parisians take for granted? Take a look at our profusion of ideas...

Mention Paris and it instantly evokes thoughts of romance, sophistication, designer fashion and style, glorious architecture, old apartments and grand palaces, with intricate furnishings, opulent chandeliers and dramatic silk drapes.

Replicating this style within your bathroom is easier than it may seem. Start by considering the mood you want to create, along with the textures and materials that will help you convey this. Most importantly consider the framework you have to work with – it may already have elements that will help transform your bathroom into a Parisian sanctuary.

This luxurious bathroom is the epitome of Parisian style, with the romantic setting exuding femininity. The Spey double-ended cast iron bath with ball and claw feet, from Drummonds, sets the mood with its complementary bath and shower mixer. The bath is hand-painted in The Little Greene Paint Company Rolling Fog, and is also available in other colours and finishes. Bath £5,100; bath and shower mixer £1,435. drummonds-uk.com



A photograph of a bright, romantic Parisian bathroom. In the foreground, a long white marble vanity features two rectangular sinks with modern chrome faucets. Two small white vases with vibrant pink peonies sit on the counter. A large mirror above the vanity reflects the room and the view outside. To the left, a chrome towel rack holds a white towel. The background is dominated by a large arched window with white shutters, which is open, revealing a wrought-iron balcony with a black railing and a view of a Parisian street with yellow buildings. A potted plant with white flowers sits on the balcony. The floor is covered in light-colored tiles with a subtle Versailles pattern.

This romantic bathroom is set in an apartment within Paris, with idyllic casement windows opening on to a wrought-iron balcony. Modern fittings, crisp white marble surfaces and a touch of elegance make it truly Parisian. A pretty tiled wall in two tones of marble and delicate Versailles patterned floor tiles add an extra level of sophistication. Bathroom design by Laura Sanders. Price on request. laurasanders.fr



Do you want to go for a feminine romantic room to relax in, or a dramatic scheme with chic and stylish bold statement pieces? For an enchanting ambience choose a palette of whites and soft tones, adding subtle feminine touches through decorative patterned wall and floor tiles.

If you're more of a drama queen, think about including bold statement pieces, such as a grand freestanding roll top bath with gold-plated mixer taps, or mix metallic finishes with mirrored metro tiles for an eye-catching look. But don't go overboard. And if space allows, go for elegant dual framed sinks, wall-to-ceiling drapes and a decadent light reflecting chandelier, all reminiscent of grand Parisian hotels.

To create that Parisian charm consider visiting a lively brocante (or flea market) to seek out unique antique pieces.

A gilt-edged mirror, wooden towel ladder or beautiful French-style bistro chair will all add that special something to your room to make it both distinct and eclectic.

Mixing old with new is a perfect balance. Many Parisian apartments have grand architecture with high ceilings, casement windows and ornate mouldings. Traditional and modern both work well in these settings as baths and basins with simple lines highlight the elegant framework of the room. Take inspiration from what is around you, fall in love with design and let it embrace you.

This elegant Carrara marble-topped console, from Fired Earth, looks elegant with the painted wooden frame. The console is complemented with a Bastide mixer with crystal handles. An eclectic yet refined look is achieved by mixing wood, marble and glass with old and new accessories. Marble top, basin and frame from £2,150; mixer £1,050. **firedearth.com**



“The key to a Parisian style bathroom is to include soft romantic colours and a patina of grace.”

Sara Baldwin, founder and creative director, New Ravenna

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Jardin is a hand-crafted mosaic designed by Sara Baldwin and inspired by the parterre gardens in France, beloved for their charm and symmetrical finesse. Sara's design replicates a medley of earth, foliage, masonry and pebbles. The stone is water-jet cut and shown here in honed Bianco Antico, polished Calacatta marble. Price on request. newravenna.com



**EDITOR'S
FAVOURITE**

“It’s important to create a harmonious aesthetic with refined design values and quality products without overdoing the decorative glamour. Then, make a feature of one or two statement pieces and consider the details, such as elegant tiles and flooring to ambient lighting, stylish mirrors and high-spec brassware.”

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Paola Ciarmatori Tanini,
art director, Devon & Devon

This monochrome cabinet will make a style statement in any bathroom. The striking wood and glass cabinet combines a refined black and white lacquer finish with either transparent or smoked glass doors, sides and inside shelves. Devon & Devon’s Dancer cabinet, price from £2,910. devon-devon.com

Soft feminine colours are perfect for a relaxing bathing space as they help to calm the mood and create a room perfect for pampering. These decorative London Chelsea floor tiles from The Baked Tile Company are an ideal choice and come in a mix of sage green, creams and whites for a romantic look. The on-trend encaustic style tiles can be laid across an entire floor or in tandem with the corner and border designs to frame the pattern, as shown. Tiles from £55 per square metre. bakedtiles.co.uk





The Arc console basin from Aston Matthews is reminiscent of Art Deco elegance. The white ceramic basin sits on a nickel-plated stand fitted with a glass storage shelf, perfect to store toiletries and towels. Price from £1,300. astonmatthews.co.uk

For a sophisticated ambience keep the overall colour palette simple, leaving the drama to be added with beautiful textures and surfaces.



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La Cage completely envelops bathers in a frame of perforated piping, allowing water to drench the body from all sides. Based on an original French design, this silver nickel finish 21st-century version includes a fully thermostatic mixing valve, a shower rose and over 200 body jets. A marble shower base is available if required. Shower £10,800, other finishes available. catchpoleandrye.com

REAL READERS' HOMES

THE owners

Melinda Bird, a consultant, and her husband Chris, a commodity trader, live in this four-bedroom Victorian terrace in West London. They share their home with their pet cat, Masai. The property was recently renovated and extended at the rear to house a new contemporary kitchen.

This kitchen marries classic and contemporary design to bring together a kitchen that flows beautifully to provide a sociable living and entertaining space. Extra light is added with a skylight and tall sliding pivot doors.

When designing a kitchen it's always good to consider how a commercial kitchen is planned with everything to hand, while separating the cooking, preparation and cleaning areas to allow more than one person to work within the space at any given time.





MODERN CLASSIC

With a new contemporary extension to their Victorian home, the owners wanted a kitchen to reflect their London lifestyle



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elinda and Chris Bird moved into this Victorian terrace in London once the renovation was complete and a new contemporary kitchen was added to the rear of the property, creating a large kitchen and family room.

Richard Jackson, sales and marketing director at McCarron & Co, was given the brief to design a functional kitchen suitable for a chef to use, with space for a breakfast bar, while making the most of the available light.

When Melinda spotted the Modena kitchen in McCarron's Chelsea showroom, it was everything she was looking for. "I wanted a high spec city

The large bespoke freestanding larder houses the owners' dry food goods and makes a perfect pantry with extra shelving within the doors.

kitchen to be the core of the house," says Melinda. The distinct angled frame design of the Modena range, with its square door insets and spear handles, provided Melinda with the contemporary yet classic styling, without being too minimal.

To add contrast to the design Melinda chose a combination of grey painted cabinetry with dark stained walnut. The mix of tones adds character to the kitchen. Richard planned for the bookshelves along the hob wall to blend in with both the grey painted cabinets and walnut stained cabinets. "The bookshelves have a dark walnut interior with a painted frame, thereby pulling the two finishes together," explains Richard.



This bespoke pull-out drawer is positioned below the hob and is designed specifically for saucepans, with a separate divide for pan lids. The wide drawers sit well with the dimensions of the Wolf induction hob.





The island incorporates a seating area for the family to gather for breakfast and lunch, while the entrance to the side of the open shelving leads to the formal dining room.

THE designer

"Always go into the project with an open mind. Quite often clients come to us with an idea but through the design process realise that there is something new on the market that they haven't considered. Many clients haven't designed a kitchen for many years, in that time style and units have changed, appliances have evolved and brands have come and gone."

Richard Jackson, sales and marketing director, McCarron & Co

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Thought has been given to the ergonomics of the kitchen design. "When designing a space it's always good to consider how a commercial kitchen works where everything needs to be at hand," explains Richard. "Think about separating each process space to allow more than one person at a time to work within the kitchen." Here the cooking functions are on the back wall and the cleaning area is opposite on the island.

"By putting the ovens and hob along one wall all of the cooking functions are in one area," says Richard, "while on the central island, the sink, dishwasher and waste bin are grouped together."

"The prep takes place round the sink, with extra space when needed round the island," explains Richard. The integrated fridge freezer is on the end wall between the dining area and hallway entrance, and the large larder unit faces the sink and hob.

There is also space at the end of the island for a breakfast bar, which allows the owners to enjoy an informal breakfast or light lunch. The island is topped with Piracema Satinate, a grey-white stone with a leather finish and 'shark nose' edge detail.



One of the key elements was for the kitchen to be used for entertaining and for this reason the couple opted for high spec appliances from Wolf, Miele and Sub-Zero, and an articulated Kohler kitchen mixer, designed with multiple moving joints giving ultimate control of water flow.

Melinda and Chris are extremely pleased with the result. “We simply love our kitchen and it remains the core of the house,” says Melinda. “It flows beautifully and works equally as well as a family kitchen but it can be used by a chef when preparing food for dinner parties too.”

The wall behind the glass splashback is painted grey to match the painted cabinetry. Its interesting rippled texture creates a focal point and casts a beautiful reflection.

THE details

Kitchen design by Richard Jackson, sales and marketing director at McCarron & Co, including Modena cabinetry in painted grey and dark walnut stain, with bronze finish spear handles and Piracema Satinato worktops mccarronandco.com

Wolf ICBCTEWH36 extractor, Wolf ICBCT301/S hob, Sub-Zero ICB736TCI-LH fridge freezer subzero-wolf.co.uk

Miele H6860BP M touch single oven in stainless steel, Miele DCG6800XL M touch steam oven, Miele CVA6800 coffee machine, Miele G6160SCVi dishwasher miele.co.uk

Kohler 6625 Smart Divide sink in Thunder Grey, Kohler 6227W KarbOn articulating kitchen mixer kohler.co.uk

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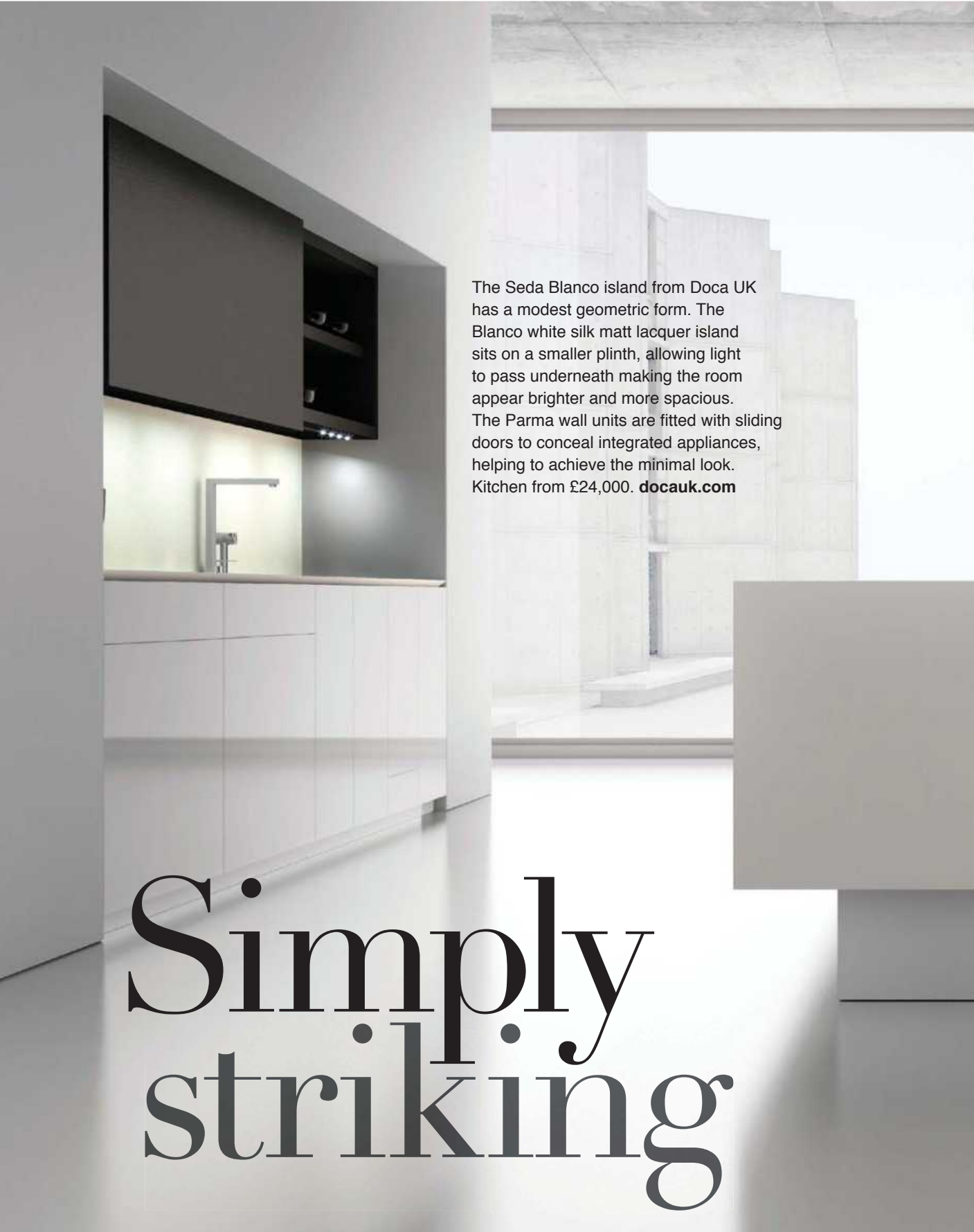
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The Seda Blanco island from Doca UK has a modest geometric form. The Blanco white silk matt lacquer island sits on a smaller plinth, allowing light to pass underneath making the room appear brighter and more spacious. The Parma wall units are fitted with sliding doors to conceal integrated appliances, helping to achieve the minimal look. Kitchen from £24,000. docauk.com

Simply striking



Stripped-back, clean and uncluttered. These modern minimalist interiors are sleek, super chic and can function just as well as a traditional design

Minimalism isn't just a look; it's a way of life.

Contemporary minimalist style is not just about de-cluttering your home, hiding your kitchen utensils and removing all your toiletries. It is about omitting what you don't need and concealing what doesn't need to be seen to create a spacious, sophisticated look that will change the way you live.


By removing all the layers that distract the eye other features take the stage – ideal for buildings with creative architecture, those with a stunning view or rooms with a fascinating focal point.

It may seem incredibly impractical, however these clean schemes are airy and extremely ordered. With everything in its set place cooking will become a well-oiled machine – and your space will be effortlessly tidy.

You don't need an empty, stark room that lacks interest to achieve this look. The trick is to go far enough to create a purposeful minimal scheme, but to stop short of bland, unfriendly and impersonal. Aim for stylish simplicity and avoid clinical, dreary and sterile monotony. Remember, it's your space – so it has to work for you. Turn the page for some inspirational ideas...

Opposite page: This modern open-plan kitchen is set within a renovated water tower. The simple, sleek kitchen, which is made of solid surface material Corian, allows the architectural features of the property to take full focus. Shown here in Glacier White, other colours available. Corian from £310 per linear metre. corian.co.uk





The Pia kitchen from Allmilmö has sophisticated handleless fronts and attractive curved edges. The wall-hung cabinets appear to float, allowing the eye to pass beneath, which gives the illusion of increased space. A clever storage system on the wall ensures that the worktop remains clean and clutter free. Shown here in Crystal white, other lacquered finishes also available. Price on request. allmilmoe.de



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EDITOR'S tip...

Not sure if this dramatic look is workable for you? Try it out. Start by removing everything from your surfaces to see if you could live with it.

“Installing a minimalist design in the kitchen, one of the busiest spots in the house, will create a sense of calm and order and thus increase your sense of wellbeing.”

Wayne Dance, managing director, InHouse

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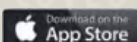
The 2016 NXP800 unit, from Next125 and available from InHouse Inspired Room Design, has a unique 'letterbox' handle that offers the benefits of a recessed hand grip while keeping the clean visual of a handleless design. Available in Truffle brown, Stone grey or Polar white laminate (as shown). Base units from £230. inhousetd.co.uk

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“A minimal bathroom shouldn’t be a bleak, hard-edged space. It can be a highly architectural environment but still offer all the comforts and relaxation of the contemporary age.”

Keith Atkins, director of design, DesignSpace London

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Fight the urge to fill a spacious bathroom with lots of products as expanses of floor or wall space will exude contemporary minimalist style. This airy room features neutral-toned products from DesignSpace London's Twenty Bathroom Collection. The vanity top is in earthy Cemento Resin while the unit beneath is in white satin lacquer. Vanity unit furniture from £2,000; Tecnoril bath £8,720. designspacelondon.com

“Minimal style is about eliminating the excess. This trend can be applied to small or large spaces, with the purpose of making the few items that remain stand out.”

Riccardo Michelangioli, research and development manager, Treemme Rubinetterie

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The sophisticated 5mm tap from Rubinetterie Treemme has a super slim 5mm-thick profile. The simple wall-hung design has a consistent size throughout, from its lever to its protruding spout. £1,150. rubinetterie3m.it/en



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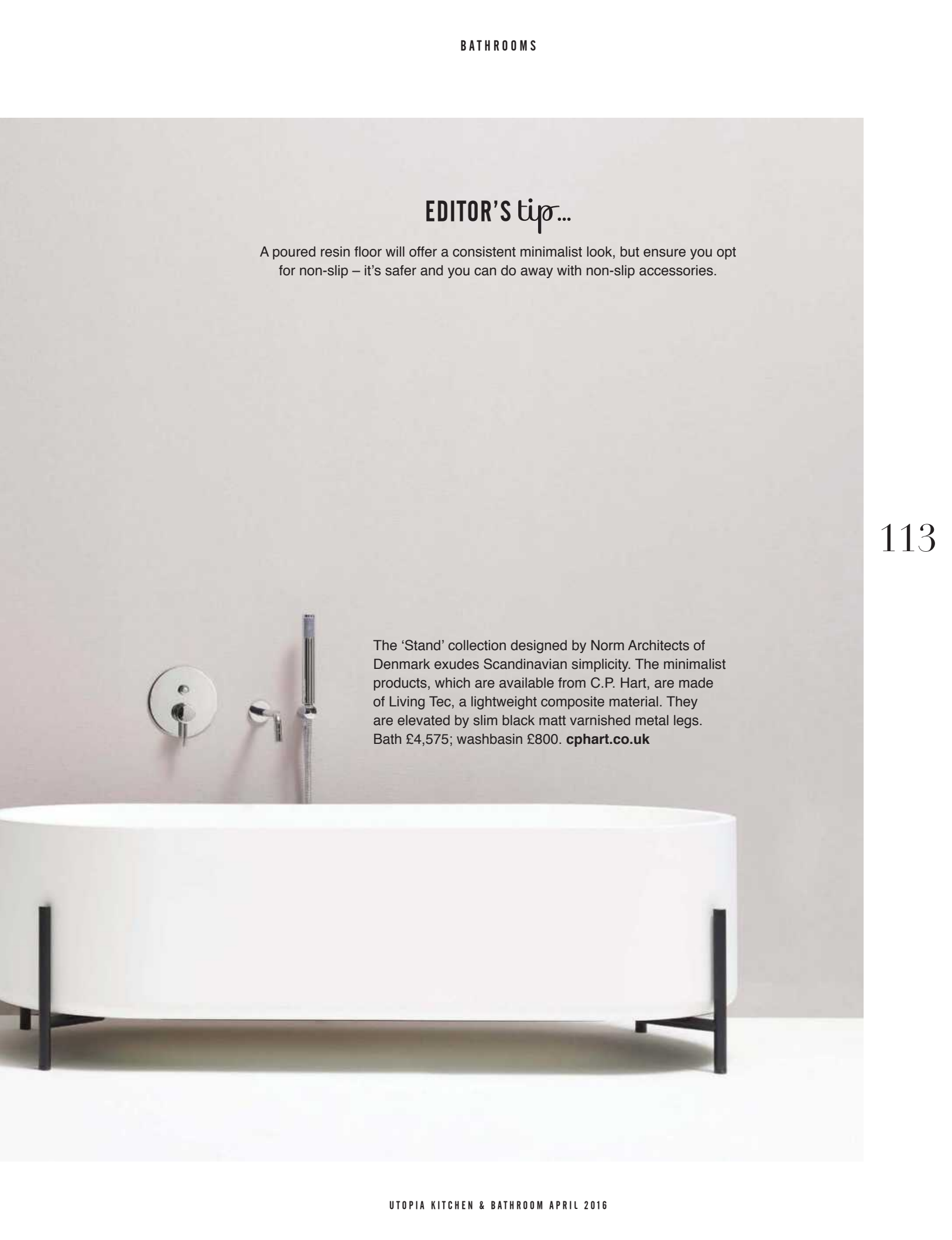
The Aki bath by Mastella and available from Alternative Bathrooms has a clean monolithic form. The generously sized freestanding vessel has a block exterior with an attractive curved bowl that can accommodate two people. Bath from £9,700. alternativebathrooms.com




EDITOR'S tip...

A poured resin floor will offer a consistent minimalist look, but ensure you opt for non-slip – it's safer and you can do away with non-slip accessories.

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A minimalist white bathtub with black legs and a wall-mounted shower fixture. The bathtub is a simple, rounded rectangular shape with a glossy white finish. It is supported by four slim, black, tapered legs. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. Above the bathtub, there is a wall-mounted shower fixture with a circular plate, a small handle, and a vertical shower head on a flexible hose.

The 'Stand' collection designed by Norm Architects of Denmark exudes Scandinavian simplicity. The minimalist products, which are available from C.P. Hart, are made of Living Tec, a lightweight composite material. They are elevated by slim black matt varnished metal legs. Bath £4,575; washbasin £800. cphart.co.uk



Who said minimal meant white? This stripped-back wetroom features an Axor One shower by Hansgrohe, complete with ceiling-mounted showerhead and wall-mounted hand shower. The metallic chrome finish shower pops against its dark unassuming surroundings. Shower thermostat, overhead shower and hand shower from £1,840. hansgrohe.co.uk

EDITOR'S tip...

Marble-effect tiles will offer the look of natural stone at a fraction of the cost – plus they won't need the same ongoing maintenance.



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Minimal doesn't have to mean stark and uninteresting. This bathroom is clad in eye-catching Techlam marble-effect porcelain tiles by Levantina. The tiles create an attractive aesthetic without detracting from the room's simple styling. Variety of finishes available including Kalos Bianco (as shown). £60 per square metre. levantina.com/uk



A wall separating the kitchen and entertaining area was removed to create one large open-plan space. Two large islands were added, each boasting matching natural burr elm panelling, which is mirrored in the kitchen's glass cabinetry.

REAL READERS' HOMES

THE owners

Stuart and Rachel Paver live in this large, Grade II, 12-bedroomed Georgian-style hall, in Yorkshire. They share their home with their two children, Will and Scarlet, and dogs, Hattie and Chelsea

GEORGIAN SPLENDOUR

A combination of sweeping curves, period design cues and contrasting finishes makes this elegant design the perfect addition to its grand, period home





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tuart and Rachel Paver's Grade II listed, 12-bedroomed home in Yorkshire dates back to the Elizabethan era. The property's interior and exterior, however, feature heavy Georgian design influences, all put in place by renowned Georgian architect, John Carr.

When the Paviers acquired the house, it was John Carr's Georgian interior styling that they wished to emulate within their new kitchen furniture design. "The hall had a modern high-gloss kitchen which we felt was at odds with the period grandeur and splendour of the rest of the home's interior," explains Stuart. "We wanted something more in keeping with the architectural fabric of the interior. However, we recognised that function was as equally important as style

The ornate mantel surrounding the large Aga features cupboard storage above and below its stylish reeded pilasters. A curved oak bench at one end of the room, together with plenty of wine storage, ensures that the kitchen is perfect for socialising.

and that the new design had to be in tune with our requirements and 21st-century living."

A wall separating two rooms was removed, creating a lighter, larger blank canvas for Satt Sembhy, managing director and bespoke furniture designer at Broadway Kitchens, to work his magic.

"We recognised early on that 'off the shelf' furniture solutions simply wouldn't work," says Stuart. After a lot of research, we came across Broadway Kitchens; the company's bespoke manufacturing experience was exactly what we were looking for."

Satt and his team designed and produced a bespoke solid oak, in-frame kitchen that features two large islands and a large window seat to create a perfect social space.



The cabinetry, painted in a specifically mixed colour, provides a visually pleasing contrast with the natural oak and the rich natural burr elm accent details seen within the islands' period-style end panels, and within the glazed display and open display wall cabinets.

"We achieved a look that we didn't know was possible," says Rachel. "Such as the curved oak window seating, the oak period-style pedestal table the beautiful burr elm inlays." Clever design details elsewhere in the kitchen include ornate pilasters either side of the range cooker, which open to provide additional storage.

Rachel and Stuart are both incredibly happy with the finished result: "We have a kitchen that looks as if it belongs here, yet manages to fulfil all our everyday needs. We will never tire of looking at it!"

THE designer

"A full bespoke design and manufacturing service enables both the designer and the homeowner to consider all the elements of a given space rather than being restricted to purely kitchen furniture supply. This makes for a much more cohesive design flow and a more successful end result."
Satt Sembhy, designer, Broadway Kitchens

The two islands mirror one another in shape and detail, however one has been painted in a pale hue while the other is in treated oak. The main preparation island is topped in Brazilian Crema Antartida granite, while the second island's worktop is natural oak.

THE details

Kitchen design by Satt Sembhy, managing director and bespoke furniture designer at Broadway Kitchens, including bespoke solid oak in-frame cabinetry, burr elm veneer accents, natural oak and Brazilian Crema Antartida granite worktops, and oak seating **kitchensbybroadway.co.uk**

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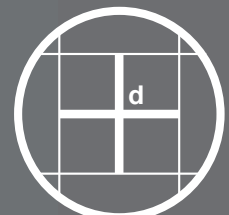
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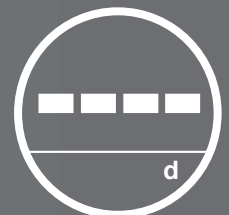
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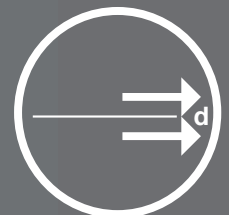
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Utopia speaks to kitchen designer, Darren Morgan



Darren Morgan

Job title
Design director

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Designer Kitchen
by Morgan

Background
Darren has worked in the design industry for 15 years. He is a regular columnist and judge at industry events.

Achievements
He has received design accolades including the award for *Best Use of Materials* at The Designer Awards 2015. He is the regional director, Northern Ireland, for the Society of British and International Design.

Philosophy
"Kitchen design is an opportunity to realign expectations, evolving ideas that can deliver influence over architecture and all aspects of interior design."

Where do you get your inspiration?

Inspiration can come in many shapes and forms with influence being shared between the fashion, automotive and interiors industries, but I sometimes become inspired by the challenge of a problem. Using design to reverse the negative or controlling influences of elements that set boundaries within a design, such as architecture, light and movement, can become an inspiration. It forces you to think about things differently, allowing you to evolve ideas beyond the norm and it can help to deliver something that becomes the defining feature within a design.

What comes first – practicality or beauty?

It's said that beauty is in the eye of the beholder and is therefore subjective; however practicality can be appreciated universally and from any stylistic standpoint. Think of your kitchen as a functional mannequin that can be individually tailored to suit your style, your family and your budget. Good functional design will provide design longevity and allow you to enjoy your kitchen for years to come.



What are the current trends in kitchen design?

The popularity of metallic finishes like copper, painted grey tones and rough-cut timber planking can help to give a design some direction. But I believe every client should embrace the opportunity that a new kitchen provides, and that's a chance to reinvent and establish the possible trends of the future. My work is not heavily based on trends but the subjective needs of the client.

... and the key rules?

Good kitchen design considers everything from the internal functionality of the cabinets to the visual aesthetics and mood of the room. A multi-layered approach that creates layers within a design will cover these aspects.

What does a homeowner need to consider before approaching a designer?

Think about your style, what you like and what you don't like. Think about the timeline of the project and how much you're prepared to spend. Consider your current family environment and how you interact within the kitchen, think about how you cook and entertain at home – doing all of this will help to focus the design and give it some direction. It's your kitchen so be prepared to get involved.

If you were to give one piece of advice...

Be consumed by the design process as this will deliver results and help to unlock the limits of your imagination.

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